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SUBJECT: EIGHTH ASIAN SPECIAL FORCES COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AN "EIGHTH ASIAN SPECIAL FORCES
COMMANDERS CONFERENCE" IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 9-15 AT
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, AND THAT THE ROC ALONG WITH SOUTH
KOREA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, THAI-
LAND, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND
BY LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 13 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMY TO
THEIR EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON.

2. FURTHER, DAO HAS LEARNED THAT THE ROC PLANS TO ATTEND
THE CONFERENCE AND IS INFORMING THE U.S. ARMY THAT MAJOR
GENERAL YEN PAI-CHIEN, COMMANDING GENERAL, AIRBORNE/SPECIAL
WARFARE COMMAND, AND LT. COL. CHEN HUA-MIN, LIAISON OFFICER,
SPECIAL WARFARE COMMAND, WILL PARTICIPATE.

3. ALTHOUGH WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT ROC ATTENDANCE AT
USG-SPONSORED CONFERENCE OF THIS TYPE IS INAPPROPRIATE,
PARTICULARLY AT THIS TIME, WE FEEL THAT SINCE THE INVITATION
HAS ALREADY BEEN ISSUED AND ACCEPTED, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY
EMBARRASSING TO TAKE ANY REMEDIAL ACTION HERE AT THIS LATE
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